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**New AIS Section
Forming - Novelty
Irises**

Welcome to the eleventh issue of the **AIS News & Notes**. Please let us know what you would like to see here. And if you have notes you would like to add, or you would like to become a reporter, please let us know! You can contact either [Bob Pries](#) or [Wayne Messer](#) with your comments or interest.

From the Dallas Convention

First news from the **AIS 2014 Convention** in Dallas, Texas. (See also the topic to the left and the one below.) The first winner of the [Zurbrigg-Mahan Seedling Cup](#) for best seedling seen at the convention was **Alton R. Pyburn's** seedling #08-6-10 shown here in thumbnail form.

You can also see it and the other Cup winners [here](#).



Silent Auctions - Dallas and Portland

AIS, Nick Stewart & Debbie Strauss, silent auction co-chairs would like to sincerely thank all the wonderful AIS Regions, members and hybridizers that donated extraordinary baskets, items and rhizomes in Dallas for the AIS Silent Auction! We are also extremely grateful to all the





Did you know it has been 25 years since a new section of the AIS was created? At the 2014 AIS Convention we heard about another one! The **Novelty Iris Society** is coming and you can be a Charter Member! To learn more, go to this **Iris Encyclopedia page** where updates will be posted.

You can learn more about Novelty Irises in this [section](#) of the Iris Encyclopedia which shows many types of novelty irises. Whether it is [horned](#), [flatties](#), [extrapetaled](#), or other novelties, there is or can be a page on the Iris Encyclopedia for it. Also, Bonnie Nichols, Acting Chairman for the Section-to-be, has a great judges training session presentation on this very topic. You can see the presentation [here](#).

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convention attendees who visited the silent auction, bid on items and purchased their wins! Thank you! Thank you! You can see photos from the Dallas Silent Auction [here](#).

Now is the time! Start cleaning out your closets, garages or storerooms! We love to have your donated iris or garden treasures as you clean to make more space! This year we need you to send them directly to Portland please.

For UPS shipments, send to **AIS Silent Auction, % John Ludi, 35071 SE Hwy 211, Boring, OR 97009-9584**. For USPS shipments, have it sent to **AIS Silent Auction, PO Box 956, Sandy, OR 97055**. Shipments can be sent/received any time but the sooner the better!

It would also be really helpful if you emailed a list of items being donated to Debbie at debrastrauss@outlook.com.

Again thank you so much to all past and future donors and bidders! You are tremendously appreciated.

Preparing for Portland

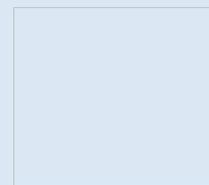
Time to start thinking about the **AIS 2015 Convention in Portland** with it's theme "Iris in Wonderland 2015". Dates are **May 18-23, 2015**. And following this on **May 24-25** is the **Siberian/Species Convention** "Another Day in the Garden".



Information about both Portland Iris Conventions can be found on their website [here](#). It includes all the information for registration, hotel accommodations, host gardens, optional tours and more. Information for the Geek Dinner/Auction, Convention Schedule and Optional Gardens will be posted when available.

Dwarf Iris Society - Miniature Dwarf Irises Packages

The [Dwarf Iris Society](#) (DIS) in an effort to make **Miniature Dwarf Irises** better known is offering 9 discounted packages of Iris. You can view them on their website [here](#). To order one or more packages add \$15 shipping and handling (which includes a year's membership and check out on the shopping cart). The DIS plans more special rhizome and seed offers in the future. These packages are very limited in number, so act fast.



Update - Two of the packages have been sold out! See them with the remaining packages at the above link.

Iris Show Video

The [Fresno Iris Society](#) Iris Show was featured on their local PBS station. A five minute video was created and you can view it online [here](#). Great views of irises and the show and probably several people you know.



If you have videos of Iris Shows you would like to share, please let us know. And did you know you can create a page for your [iris show on the Iris Encyclopedia](#) where you can show photos of your show?

Unusual View of an Iris Garden

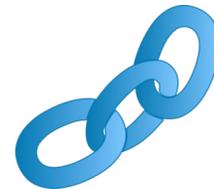
Thanks to **Superstition Iris Gardens** for sharing this [video](#) of a drones-eye view of their iris. A photographer testing his skills and equipment flew over the iris gardens. The thumbnail to the right shows the drone hovering over the iris garden - I know you can't see the drone at that size, so see the full-size picture [here](#). The drone is in the middle above the fence. And you can see the drone in the air by itself in this [picture](#).



You can see more of Superstition Iris Gardens and their irises by visiting their Facebook [page](#).

Updating Our Quick Links

Hopefully you make use of the list of Quick Links which you can find in the left column. We have added to the links and wanted to point them out.



Now there is a link to the EMembers Login on the AIS website. You will need to be an EMember, with your username and password to use this to access all the goodies there. (That link is also in the item at the end of this newsletter encouraging you to become an EMember.)

What else would you like to see in our Quick Links? Please let us know!

Why We Appreciate Your Corrections

One type of feedback we receive is corrections. Usually shortly after **News & Notes** has been sent. These are very helpful, especially when we can correct something on the spot. Last month's item on **Where to See Iris Shows** was a good example of this. Turns out I had accidentally truncated the [List by State and City](#) just before Texas. So those of you who wondered why Texas and States after it alphabetically do not have Iris Shows, it was all my fault. Fortunately an eagle-eyed reader spotted it early and with it being on the Iris Wiki I was able to fix it immediately!



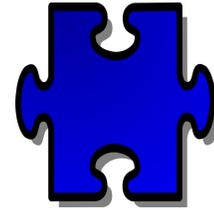
Thank you!! (That is also one of the reasons I like using the Iris Encyclopedia to point to, it can be readily fixed and you do not have to wait till the next issue for updates.)

While talking about the list of Iris Shows, we would also like to thank our readers for a suggestion. Adding show information (or at least links to it) to the lists. We have begun doing this on the [List by Date](#) for the 2014 shows. And this is something where we need your help! You can add links you are aware of for the shows. You just need to register on the Iris Encyclopedia, if you haven't already, and then you can update these and other pages!

Corrections are not the only feedback we appreciate. We also want your ideas and suggestions for News & Notes and the AIS. Hopefully there will be more of the latter than corrections needed. Please send your suggestions, ideas, comments, thoughts, and yes, corrections to wrmesser@gmail.com or robertpries@embarqmail.com. Thank you for your thoughts and help!

This Month's Jigsaw

Thank you again for your suggestions for last month's noid's identity. Most popular was ['Mountain Melody'](#) and its Iris Encyclopedia pictures certainly look right. My only reservation is 'Mountain Melody' is an early to medium season bloomer, confirmed by your comments, and my noid was medium to late. Do the different hardiness zones affect this?



And to this month's iris jigsaw. From the [Bluegrass Iris Society](#) 2013 Iris Show. Where I learned I need to record the names of irises. I thought the camera would do it where I had included the tags in the pictures. Which did not work for me. Anyway, this iris was one of the winners; but, I'm not sure which or its name. Enjoy the [puzzle](#).

Become an Emember

If you are already a member, you might consider adding an **American Iris Society** Emembership. This is a way for you to show additional support for AIS. For just \$15 a year, in addition to your regular membership charge, you have online access to **Irises**, including all the back issues of it and the **AIS Bulletin**, the **Registration & Introductions** database, and you help to support our online initiatives! Find out more [here](#). And you will qualify for the **AIS Voucher Program** described in earlier issues.



The Emembers Login link can now be found in the Quick Links in the left column. You will need your username and password which comes from the AIS Membership Secretary (aismemsec@irises.org).

